

# News Release



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## **STATE CONTROLLER KATHLEEN CONNELL RELEASES PAYMENT TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTERS**

**Sacramento, CA, December 4, 2001** – State Controller Kathleen Connell today released \$112,000 to the Contra Costa County Animal Services Department (Department) to be used towards the cost of replacing two existing animal shelters under its operation.

The two shelters, located in Martinez and Pinole, are currently operating in buildings that are 50 years old and no longer accommodate the needs of the community.

The Department provides animal control services to approximately 850,000 citizens in 18 cities and the unincorporated area of the County. Last year, approximately 17,000 animals were impounded.

These funds were disbursed pursuant to the current Budget Act.

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